

Seghill First School Newsletter January 2022 edition 2

Covid update

There are no changes to our ongoing protective measures that were explained in January edition 1 newsletter. You will have noted though that there is now no requirement for anyone who tests positive on a LFD to seek a confirmatory PCR test, unless they are symptomatic.

Staffing update

Mrs Lyons has been to see a specialist and has been signed off work. She now has a cast on rather than a moonboot. She is seeing the specialist again on Monday to see what they plan to do next. Mrs Hansell and Miss Winter have been teaching Blue class, supported by Mrs Miller. This will continue next week when hopefully we will have a clearer idea about the plan for Mrs Lyons' recovery and return to work.

Mrs Ellison returned to work yesterday with a very badly bruised heel and a moonboot. She is able to get around but must take extra care. A risk assessment has been completed and she is avoiding stairs.

Four new students joined us on placement on Monday. Miss Robinson and Miss Craig are working in key stage 1 and Miss Ho and Miss Al-Janabi are working in EYFS. Miss Winter and Mr Findlay will continue to work in key stage 2.

School closure Wednesday 12 January

Thank you for your patience when we had to close school on Wednesday due to **loss of power** to the school. This was reported at 6pm but the electrician did not arrive on site until 9:30pm. He was unable to resolve the issue, leaving us with no electricity, therefore no lights, no power, no telephones and no heating. Sometimes we can manage without one of the essential services, but we could not open school safely without any of these services. Hopefully this issue is now resolved and we can get back to normal. Well as normal as we can at the moment.

Reminder- Spring term PE days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Green	Red	Yellow	Red	
Purple	Purple	Orange	Green	
Blue	Blue		Purple	
	Yellow		Blue	
	Green			

Birthdays

Our birthday boys and girls at the end of January are-

- Daisy in Orange class;
- Isaac and Tio in Red class;
- Willow in Blue class.

Happy birthday to you all. We hope your birthday is special and fun.

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Contact details

Please make sure that we have the **correct contact details** for you. I know some people got a new phone for Christmas, so we need your number to keep our records up to date.

Texts and emails are sent out via **School Gateway**. Please download the app if you haven't done so already, otherwise you will miss out on important information, including fortnightly newsletters.

Rugby update

Well done to the boys and girls in Green, Purple and Blue class for their first rugby session on Monday with Newcastle Falcons and Seghill Rugby Club coaches. I received a lovely message from Steve Bailey from Seghill Rugby Club, saying "Dan and I were very impressed with not only their skills but more importantly their behaviour and attitude as they were an absolute pleasure to work with". Fabulous.

Rugby sessions will continue to take place **every Monday** for children in Green, Purple and Blue class, so please make sure that they **come to school in their PE kit** on Mondays and have an **extra top** to wear outside.

We are actively encouraging the children to go along to **Seghill Rugby Club** every **Saturday morning** and get **coached for free** by six qualified mini coaches at Seghill Rugby Club. Sessions are on a Saturday morning at 10.00am. If you have any question please ring Steve Bailey on 07765 926456 (WhatsApp number). What a brilliant opportunity for our children to get expert coaching for free.

Pizza party school meal Thursday 20 January

On Thursday 20 January we will be serving a special **pizza party meal**. The menu for the day will be Margarita pizza and chips followed by ice cream and served with juice.

Children who have a pizza party meal will have a chance to win a prize by finding a **golden ticket** under their plate or in their meal box.

Please note that we are not serving jacket potatoes on this day. Please provide a packed lunch if you do not want a pizza party meal for your child.

Parents of children in Yellow, Red and Green class do not have to pay for this meal as it is provided free due to the Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative. Parents of children in Orange, Purple and Blue class who are entitled to Free School Meals do not have to pay for this meal.

Parents of children in Orange, Purple and Blue class who pay for their child's meals should pay £2.30 in the normal way via **School Gateway**.

Advance notice of spring term events

Although we have had to postpone our class coffee mornings and class assemblies for the time being, we do have the following events and activities in the diary for this term-

- **Non-uniform** for school funds on Friday 18 February;
- **World Book Day** on Thursday 03 March;
- **Film night** Wednesday 06 April at 3:30pm for Years 1 to 4;
- **Easter tables challenge** starts on Monday 21 March;
- **Spring term interviews for parents and children with class teachers** on Monday 28 March from 3:30pm and Wednesday 30 March from 3:30pm- these may be face to face or telephone calls depending on the guidance at that time.
- **Easter egg decorating competition** deadline Wednesday 06 April.

Mother's Day lunch is planned for Friday 25 March. Again, we will have to see what the guidance is at that time before we know whether or not this can go ahead.

Additional Bank Holiday

An additional bank holiday, to mark the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**, has been scheduled for Friday 3rd June 2022. As this date falls within half term an additional day's holiday has been arranged for **Friday 1st July 2022** for all schools within Seaton Valley. This date has been agreed by all Seaton Valley schools in order to provide consistency for parents who need to make childcare arrangements and to ensure exams are not impacted.